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Organization of a New Political Party in Baden

The following information has been furnished by the wife of a professor at the University of Freiburg.

1. Dr. Joseph K. Wirth, former Centrist Chancellor of Germany, visited Freiburg-im-reisgau on 29 July 1945 with the object of enlisting the aid of prominent personalities in that city in the organization of a new "democratic" political party throughout Baden. This party is to include Protestants as well as Catholics and will commence to function the moment the ban on political activity in the French zone is lifted.

2. It is reported that Archbishop Groeber of Freiburg has expressed his opposition, to the formation of an exclusively Catholic party in Baden, and to favor an all-Christian party organized on the above described principles. Dr. Wirth has also discussed the new party with Professor Eucken, dean of the faculty of Economics and Law at the University of Freiburg. Professor Eucken is a Protestant.

3. Dr. Wirth, who had been born and educated in Freiburg, has now returned to Switzerland where he has been living throughout the course of the war.

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